

REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2026–
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Present: Chairperson Goodrich; Vice Chairperson Ross; Secretary Bresnahan; Members: Bayless, Borgon, Hausman, O’Gorman and Ruprich

Absent: Kreit

Also Present: Assistant to the Village Manager/Officer Manager, Landis
Village Clerk, Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Goodrich called the regular Parks & Recreation meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Beverly Park Pavilion located at 18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025.

AMENDMENT/APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Hausman, second by Ross, to amend the agenda to add an undisclosed Business Agenda item as Business Agenda item B and the SOS Yoga charity request as item C.

Motion passed.

Motion by Bayless, second by Ross, to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Jones, Beverly Road, inquired about the Village hosting a ribbon cutting/opening event for the children once the playscape area is completed.

REVIEW AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 21, 2026

Motion by Ross, second by Hausman, to approve the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Board meeting held May 21, 2026 as submitted.

Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS AGENDA

A. REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST A REQUEST FROM SHEA RECKNER TO USE TENNIS COURTS

The Parks & Recreation Board reviewed a request from Shea Reckner, a local tennis instructor seeking permission to use the Village tennis courts for private paid lessons. Board members discussed previous requests for commercial use of park facilities and expressed concerns about allowing individuals to use public facilities for personal financial gain, particularly given the limited number of tennis courts available. The Board noted that the courts are intended for public use on a first-come, first-served basis and that permitting paid instruction could set an undesirable precedent.

Motion by Ross, second by Borgon, The Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board does not recommend that Village Council authorize the Park Superintendent to grant exclusive use of one (or both) tennis courts on a limited basis to Shea Reckner at the discretion of Village Administration.

Motion passed unanimously.

B. UNDISCLOSED ITEM: THANK YOU TO GOODRICH & BORGON

Hausman, on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Board, recognized the departure of Matt Goodrich and Molly Borgon from the Parks & Recreation Board and expressed appreciation for their years of service, dedication, and contributions to the community.

Motion by Hausman, second by Ruprich, The Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board recommends that Village Council recognize Matthew Goodrich, and Molly Kleppert for their exceptional dedication, unwavering commitment, and years of selfless service to the Village and its residents. Through their leadership, volunteerism, and stewardship, they have generously contributed their time and talents to enhancing our parks, strengthening community connections, and improving the quality of life for present and future generations. Their passion for public service, thoughtful guidance, and lasting contributions have left a meaningful and enduring mark on the community. The Parks & Recreation Board wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the positive impact they have made through their dedication and care for the Village. As a lasting tribute to their service and legacy, the Parks & Recreation Board further recommends that two flowering trees be planted in their honor within a Village park. These trees will serve as a living symbol of growth, beauty, and community spirit, reflecting the values that Matt and Molly embody and the lasting difference they have made in the lives of Village residents.

Motion passed unanimously.

SOS YOGA CHARITY REQUEST

Jenny O’Laughlin, owner of Thrive Hot Yoga and Lisa Corey founder of Schools Offer Support (SOS), presented a request to host a yoga fundraiser at Beverly Park. Corey stated that SOS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting families and students within the Birmingham Public Schools community through financial assistance and community resources. They expressed interest in expanding their fundraising efforts by offering a donation-based outdoor yoga or Pilates class at a Village park. The event would be approximately one to one-and-a-half hours in length, with all proceeds benefiting SOS. The Board expressed support for the concept and appreciation for SOS’s efforts in assisting local families. The Board discussed scheduling, and availability of the park pavilion. Landis will review the park calendar and coordinate with the organizers regarding a potential date and additional details. After a date is selected, the requested will be brought back to the Board.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. WENDBROOK PARK

Bob Doyle of SmithGroup and the Board discussed the feedback received at last month's meeting from the public. Doyle summarized the shared vision for the preserve as a welcoming, nature-focused destination that is connected to the Rouge River, provides a quiet and intimate experience, remains accessible to the public, and respects the surrounding residential neighborhood.

The Board and Doyle then discussed potential uses for the existing house and the importance of ensuring any future building use complies with grant requirements, particularly regarding recreational purposes, and agreed additional clarification from the grant administrator would be beneficial.

The Board also discussed focusing on implementing the project in phases, prioritizing essential improvements such as restrooms, outdoor gathering areas, and rehabilitation of the existing structure while pursuing additional amenities as future funding becomes available. The Board emphasized maintaining the site's natural character while enhancing accessibility and educational opportunities. Alternative concepts for parking, trail circulation, pedestrian access, and a possible pavilion-style replacement for the existing house were also reviewed, with no final decisions made.

Mr. Doyle will continue refining the conceptual designs, prepare preliminary cost estimates, research additional funding opportunities, and coordinate with staff to confirm grant eligibility requirements before presenting updated concepts at a future meeting.

B. MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CARNIVAL

The Board and Administration discussed the 2026 Memorial Day Parade, Carnival, and Ceremony, concluding that the event was successful overall thanks to favorable weather and strong volunteer support and coordination. The Board recognized several volunteers for their outstanding contributions and discussed opportunities for improvement, including better communication before the ceremony, clearer coordination between DPW and Public Safety for traffic control and barricade placement, improved parking restrictions to ensure emergency vehicle access, and enhanced parade safety regarding candy distribution. The Board also explored ideas for identifying historic vehicles in the parade with signs or QR codes, noted that carnival operations and event teardown went smoothly and announced that the 2027 Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31, 2027. Goodrich offered to provide the ceremony script and templates to the next emcee and noted that future presenters are welcome to modify the ceremony.

C. MOVIE IN THE PARK

The Board discussed the upcoming Movie in the Park event for August. The Board selected *GOAT* as the featured film. The Board also discussed the August Parks & Recreation Board meeting, which is scheduled on the same evening as the movie event. The Board discussed moving the meeting at 6:00 p.m., with the movie scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Borgon, second by Hausman, to start the August 20th Parks and Recreation Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

D. PARK CLEAN UP

The Board discussed the upcoming July 13th Beverly Park Cleanup including the event start time and potential cleanup activities. Hausman will provide the group with the spring clean-up list and create a sign-up genius for volunteers.

E. CONCERT IN THE PARK

The Board discussed the June 5 Concert in the Park featuring Harmonized Steel. Kreit provided comments to the Board prior to the meeting stating that the event was a success despite the weather and the performers were well received. The Board discussed the sounds level and noted that the volume was louder than desired. Administration will work with future performers to ensure sound levels are appropriately adjusted. The Board also discussed event details for the upcoming June 26th Concert in the Park featuring Northgate Drive including food truck participation and Board member event coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Tobaben, Orchard Way Court, thanked Goodrich and Borgon for their hard work and the significant amount of work completed at the park. He recognized the efforts of the Board and Village Administration in coordinating the project, including the planning, approvals, and administrative work required to bring the improvements forward. Tobaben expressed interest in the Village having a grand opening celebration for the playground.

Stephanie Jones, Beverly Road, suggested creating a memorial tree dedication program to allow community members to purchase trees in honor or memory of loved ones.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Brown stated that the Board will election a new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary next month and she announced the reappointment of Ross and the appointment of Rob Wilker and Andrea Makar. Borgon asked about the new drinking fountain and the possibility of adding a water bottle filling station. Landis explained that the current fountain was selected due to cost and maintenance considerations and Administration will look into options for adding a bottle filler in the future. The Board discussed the importance of involving the Parks & Recreation Board in future park improvement decisions, including items such as water fountains, Story Brook Trail improvements, and disc golf course changes and noted that the Board serves in an advisory role and would like opportunities to provide input and recommendations before decisions are finalized. The Board discussed the Beverly Park construction timeline and Administration stated that the project was expected to take approximately six to eight weeks, with an estimated completion in mid-August, subject to the contractor's schedule

LIAISON COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Hausman reported that all sculptures for the current season have been installed and that the sculpture map is being updated by Bayless. The Board discussed the possibility of developing a sponsorship program for future sculptures to help offset program costs.

Bayless thanked Goodrich and Borgon for their years of service to the Parks & Recreation Board. Bayless provided updates on event promotions, the success of Food Truck Mondays, and the Village's partnership with Beverly Hills Little League.

Bresnahan thanked Goodrich and Borgon for their years of service, wished them well and stated they are always welcome to volunteer and participate in future Parks & Recreation events.

Ross thanked Goodrich and Borgon for their service to the Board and provided an update on the tree planting project. Ross stated that a community tree planting event is planned for November, and a tree identification walk will be scheduled for a future date.

Ruprich asked about the possibility of replacing a memorial tree near the pond and whether the Village could assist with coordinating the purchase and planting of a replacement tree. Ruprich expressed gratitude for Goodrich and Borgon.

O’Gorman thank Goodrich and Borgan. She also shared her concerns with bicycle and scooter safety in the community, including recent incidents involving riders and vehicles.

Borgon reflected on her years of service and expressed appreciation to fellow Board members for their dedication and contributions. She noted the positive changes and accomplishments of the Parks & Recreation Board over the years and thanked members for working together to benefit the community.

Goodrich reflected on his 11 years of service on the Parks & Recreation Board and shared appreciation for fellow Board members, past and present, as well as Village staff and elected officials for their support and partnership. Goodrich highlighted the Board’s accomplishments over the years and expressed gratitude for the teamwork, collaboration, and friendships developed while serving the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.